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## ORM day focuses on safety

By Senior Airman  
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The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing held an operational risk management focus day April 6 to fulfill a recent Air Mobility Command requirement.

ORM is a six-step process used to analyze the risks involved in various situations, from changing a tire on a C-17 to backing a car out of a driveway. "It's basically the application of common sense in everything you do," said Maj. Stephan Shope, 437 AW Safety chief.

The first step in ORM is to identify the hazards associated with an action. Step two is assessing the risks using a scale of probability and a scale of severity. Next comes an analysis of risk control measures, followed by mak-

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Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streeter

### Easter Bunny 'spotted'

Easter Sunday is just two days away. The Easter Bunny, or one of his helpers, was seen preparing in base housing.

## Team Charleston contributes time to Computer Help for Teachers Program; students reap benefits

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Celeste Rodriguez  
437 CS

Working through the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's Honorary Commanders Program, the 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron and the Charleston Rotary Club launched a joint community service effort to assist an inner-city school located in downtown Charleston by offering basic computer training to faculty members April 3.

The program, Computer Help for Teachers, officially kicked off with praise from South Carolina First Lady, Rachel Hodges, who was in attendance supporting her Reading with Rachel literacy program.

Sixteen volunteers from Charleston AFB, all from the 437 CS and the

437 AW Information Management community, are matched with 12 Sanders-Clyde Elementary School teachers and meet, on average, one or two times per week during the teachers' free periods.

Although each school classroom is equipped with two computers for teacher-student use, maintaining pace with technology is a challenge for the school, which enrolls over 400 students in first through sixth grade.

Training and troubleshooting sessions run the gamut from instruction on working basic software programs, such as Microsoft PowerPoint, to installing educational games and programs teachers will utilize in the classroom.

Staff Sergeants Theodore Lee and

Patterson Collins, both Network Control Center Helpdesk technicians, are matched with a third-grade teacher. They installed a new classroom printer on their first visit to the school.

"Even though what we did was small, it helped her out a whole lot," Lee said. "It's a privilege to serve those in the community who support us everyday."

Passing knowledge on to teachers will eventually help the students, according to Senior Airman Kim Sonnenberg, 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron information manager.

"Every little bit helps," Sonnenberg said. "Whatever we can show the teachers will be passed onto the students. The teachers can also share

their skills amongst themselves. If one teacher is really good with one program, they can help train the other teachers on that program and in turn, the students will benefit.

"Each teacher is looking for better proficiency in a different area," she continued. "Some wanted help with Word, while some wanted help with Excel. It just depends on what they're trying to accomplish in their particular classroom."

Some volunteers also hope to share their computer skills through direct interaction with the school's students. Master Sgt. Douglas Wagman, section chief of NCC Network Administration, anticipates not

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## IN THE NEWS

## Base housing begins Home of the Week/Month program

By Senior Airman  
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With the onset of spring, Charleston AFB housing officials would like to announce the start of this year's Home of the Week/Home of the Month program and remind base housing residents to maintain a professional appearance of housing areas.

"It's time to start mowing and manicuring our lawns to maintain the outstanding appearance of our housing area," said Troy Draughn, CAFB housing facility manager.

According to Draughn, standards for the upkeep and appearance of lawns in the housing area are outlined in CAFB pamphlet 32-3, page 8. Every family living in base housing should have

received this publication upon moving into their home. If the pamphlet has been misplaced, another can be obtained at the housing office.

Failure to maintain the appearance of the housing area results in points being assessed, said Draughn. Each discrepancy noted by housing inspectors is assessed two points. After a resident receives 10 points, a notice is sent to the individual's first sergeant. If a resident accumulates a total of 20 points in two years, the housing office refers them to the Support Group commander for eviction.

"We've had to evict two families so far this year, and we don't like doing that," said Debbie Carlton, housing manager.

There are, however, resi-

dents who take great pride in the appearance of their homes. The Home of the Week/Home of the Month program is a way to recognize those residents who go above and beyond standards.

Two families are chosen each week during Wednesday's inspection, one from main base housing and one from Hunley Park. These weekly winners are then entered in the monthly contest. The Home of the Month is selected by the command chief master sergeant. The winners receive prizes from 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, such as free rounds of golf, free bowling, free food from Stone Willy's, a savings bond from Heritage Trust and a clock engraved with their name.

"The folks that win aren't necessarily the ones with the

most little stone bunnies, or banners and flags," said Carlton. "The winners are the families who take a lot of pride in their area and take care of all aspects of outside appearance."

There are several deterrents to selection as Home of the Week. Some families call and ask why their home wasn't selected, as their yard looks really nice, Draughn said. They fail to realize oil spots or clutter in the carport and grass unevenly cut around fences takes a lot away from the overall appearance. Also, grass in the curb joints or sidewalk is a big factor.

Draughn suggests using a spray bottle filled with bleach or salt-water instead of more expensive commercial products. "It works just as well and saves a few bucks," he

said. "The next day you can just sweep the dead grass away with a broom." First impressions are lasting, he said. "If you get a poor first impression, it leaves a bad taste in your mouth, and it's hard to see the positives."

In order to really compete for Home of the Week, residents should ensure their lawns are neatly edged and trimmed evenly around the outside of the house. Another tip from the housing office is to cut the grass on the same day every week, either on the weekend or the early part of the week, weather permitting. The grass should be green and well manicured. Questions concerning the standards or the Home of the Week/Home of the Month program should be directed to the housing office at 963-3868.

## ORM

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ing control decisions. The fifth step in the process is to implement risk controls. Finally, the entire action is supervised and reviewed.

Organizations throughout the wing conducted training and exercises to inform members of the application of ORM, both on- and off-duty. According to Shope, AMC initially wanted a yearly ORM week, but decided on quarterly ORM days instead, in response to feedback from the field. The command wants ORM training to be an ongoing process, becoming a part of everyone's routine.

South Carolina State troopers were invited on base by the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron to conduct a course on the dangers of drinking and driving, said Shope. The troopers conducted four training sessions and also provided the wrecked car parked by the Dorchester Gate exit.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group focused on several key processes through-

out the group and took each process through the six steps in order to assess risk and implement improvements, Shope said.

Other organizations took a different approach. The 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron performed an exercise in which people living on base took a fire safety checklist home, said Shope. Base housing residents then reported back to their workcenters in recall fashion with the completed checklists.

Members of the 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron attended briefings given by the base fire department regarding fire safety, according to Shope. Squadron members also compiled a list of their top safety concerns and chose three to resolve.

"Hopefully the day's training will make someone think to take the extra look when turning out of the Commissary Gate and avoid running the red light," Shope said.

The message aimed at base leadership was ORM as a team concept, said Shope. "Everyone needs to look

out for everyone else. It's not a one-man show. Practicing ORM is a team effort.

"The big thing is to broaden this from your on-base duties to your everyday lifestyle," Shope continued. "We're never really off-duty, because if we get injured outside of work, someone has to pick up the slack, and the mission suffers."

## Marchetti to perform in sky over Charleston during Air Expo 2001

Air Expo 2001 is fast approaching and, along with numerous other aircraft, the world-famous Marchetti SF-260 will be performing aerial acrobatics over Charleston AFB May 19.

The Italian-designed Marchetti is a high-performance, tactical military demonstration aircraft, according to a Marchetti Airshows press release. "The aircraft, named 'La Cosa Rossa' or the 'Red Thing,' is painted Ferrari red with an appropriately fast Italian image to boot.

"Airshow spectators will marvel at this unique act," the release added. "Notable for its very high speeds, in excess of 280 mph, and its fighter-like handling qualities, the Marchetti is a current military aircraft in service in over 30 countries worldwide."

Certified in April 1966, the Air Force has considered the aircraft for its new Enhanced Flight Screener, according to the Air Combat USA Web site. Less than 100, some new and some ex-military, have been imported to the United States while others have been used as fighter trainers by NATO forces, or fighters by some other countries.

Under-wing hard points can be equipped to carry rockets and guns. Although it is a single piston engine, it flies like a small jet with small wings and speed, according to the Web site.

The Marchetti is flown from the right seat with the left hand on the throttle and the right hand on the stick; fighter-jock-style if flying alone. It is capable of doing aerobatics with full fuel and two people wearing para-

chutes.

This particular airplane was sold originally to the government of Libya in 1974, according to the Marchetti Airshows website. "After several years of service to Mr. Qaddafi in engagements against the Republic of Chad, the aircraft was sent to the Sandanistas in Nicaragua in 1978 where it saw combat service against the Contras," according to the site.

George Parker, Marchetti pilot, and his plane are based in Norfolk, Va. He has been on the U.S. airshow circuit for the past 10 years, flying various planes. Parker has logged over 3,500 hours of flight time in more than 25 different types of aircraft, according to a news release. He holds a commercial pilot's license and has performed at more than 75 airshows in his career.

Other performing acts scheduled to appear at Air Expo 2001 include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Army Golden Knights, U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue jump team, C-17 Globemaster III, F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighter, B-1B Lancer Bomber and F-16 Fighting Falcon, to name a few.

CAFB will open its gates for Air Expo 2001 at 9 a.m., and performances are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

For more information about Parker, visit his website at [www.geocities.com/sf260tp/](http://www.geocities.com/sf260tp/). For more information on Air Expo 2001, call 963-EXPO or visit the Charleston AFB website at [www.charleston.af.mil](http://www.charleston.af.mil). (Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones, 437 AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article)



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streeter

Tech. Sgt. Robert Polhlopek and Senior Airman Frank Hall, both from the 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group Quality Assurance Office, instruct a class about safe non-powered aerospace ground equipment usage.

# Traveling chefs address kitchen mysteries at CAFB Commissary

A traveling chef will visit the Charleston AFB Commissary April 20, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m., as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's Meal Solutions for the Military Family Program.

Executive chef Margo Hutchins, a graduate of the Florida Culinary Institute, will be cooking up something new about every 20 minutes, according to Frank Parker, area manager for traveling chef's tour sponsor, Overseas Service Corp.

The demos will be professionally presented in a kitchen-like setting in the front entrance display area, according to Eddie Williams, CAFB's Commissary store director. Hutchins will present recipes for a breakfast

and appetizer during each morning session. The afternoon session will showcase dinner and dessert recipes.

The chef will have eight recipes printed on chef's hats to hand out so people can make the same dishes at home, according to Debbie Coffman, director of marketing for Overseas Service Corp. Coupons will also be available from manufacturers participating in the tour.

"You can bet your bottom dollar, this will be a fete to be remembered," Williams said.

The event is expected to draw a crowd. Grocery manager James Rice said he believes the event will be one of the first things this year to generate

a lot of excitement for customers. He also said he thinks the event will create new interest among customers in regards to different products. They may have seen the product before, but didn't know how to use it, Rice said.

The Traveling Chefs are on a tour of 31 commissaries to return "home cooking" to the military family menu. This program fits in with customer outreach initiatives of Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr., director of the Defense Commissary Agency. Military members and spouses in Commissary focus groups held worldwide have expressed a desire for more information on how to cook, including quick, simple recipes.

This is the second year the program has been held, but this is the first time a chef will visit CAFB, according to Parker.

Chefs are working their way across North America, hitting commissaries in North Carolina, Kentucky, California, Colorado, Texas, Washington, Alaska, Virginia, Georgia, and South Carolina. Recipes used on the tour will be available in the shopping/promotions section of [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) for shoppers who can't attend the demos or want to print additional copies. **(Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs and Senior Airman Melanie Streeter, 437 AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)**

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only working with his teacher, but also instructing a class of fourth grade students on simple lessons including, "What is inside a computer?" and "How does a computer work?"

"Computers aren't mysterious and they shouldn't be afraid of them," Wagman said. "That's what I hope to walk away with them knowing."

Maj. Douglas Taylor, 437 CS commander, worked hand-in-hand with Honorary Commander Robert Baldwin, head of Charleston's Family Management and 10-year Rotary Club leader, to establish a partnership that both hope will continue to grow. The Rotary Club, active on the Charleston peninsula for over 75 years, is an international service-oriented group with over 1.2 million members worldwide.

"We're thrilled to be working with the Rotary Club that

does many things to support these Sanders-Clyde Elementary School children," Taylor said. "Our Honorary Commander has really become a great friend to the squadron and base."

Baldwin is optimistic the Computer Help for Teachers Program will enhance ongoing initiatives that the Charleston Rotary Club has launched to support Sanders-Clyde, including both youth sponsorship and reading programs.

"There are a lot of people on the base doing positive things for the community that many may not recognize," Baldwin said. "This program is doing really positive things to help local education, and it really is a win-win situation. To continue to work together as a team would be fantastic."

For more information, or to become involved with the Computer Help for Teachers Program, call the 437 CS at 963-5071.



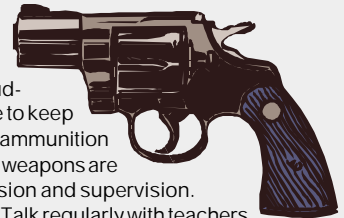
Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

South Carolina First Lady, Rachel Hodges, encourages Charleston AFB Computer Help for Teachers volunteers at Sanders-Clyde Elementary School, Charleston, during the program's official kick off April 3. (Left to right) Capt. Joseph Trechter, Rachel Hodges, Staff Sergeants Theodore Lee and Patterson Collins, Capt. Craig Fleming, Master Sgt. Douglas Wagman and Senior Airman Kim Sonnenberg.

## Steps parents can take to help prevent school violence

In light of increasing violence in schools nationwide, there are some measures parents can take to help prevent violence from happening in their children's school.

■ Recognize that keeping firearms in your home may put you at legal risk as well as expose you and your family to physical risk. In many states, parents can be held liable for their children's actions, including inappropriate use of firearms. If you do choose to keep firearms at home, ensure they are securely locked, ammunition is locked and stored separately, and children know weapons are never to be touched without your express permission and supervision.



■ Take an active role in your children's schools. Talk regularly with teachers and staff. Volunteer in the classroom, library or at after-school activities. Work with parent-teacher-student organizations.

■ Act as role models. Settle your own conflicts peaceably and manage anger without violence.

■ Listen to and talk with your children regularly. Find out what they're thinking. Create an opportunity for two-way conversation, which may mean forgoing judgments or pronouncements. This kind of communication should be a daily habit, not a reaction to crisis.

■ Set clear limits on behaviors in advance. Discuss punishments and rewards in advance, too. Disciplining with framework and consistency helps teach self-discipline; a skill your children can use for the rest of their lives.

■ Explain that you don't accept and won't tolerate violent behavior. Answer questions thoughtfully. Listen to children's ideas and concerns. They may bring up small problems that can easily be solved now, but could become worse if allowed to fester.

■ Teach your children to examine and find solutions to problems. Kids who know how to approach a problem and resolve it effectively are less likely to be angry, frustrated or violent.

■ Discourage name-calling and teasing. These behaviors often escalate into fistfights or worse. Whether the teaser is violent or not, the victim may see violence as the only way to stop it.

■ Insist on knowing your children's friends, whereabouts and activities. It's your right. Make your home an inviting and pleasant place for your children and their friends. It's easier to know what they're up to when they're around. Know how to spot signs of troubling behavior in kids, both yours and others.

■ Work with other parents to develop standards for school-related events, acceptable out-of-school activities and places, and required adult supervision. Support each other in enforcing these standards.

■ Make it clear you support school policies and rules that help create and sustain a safe place for all students to learn. If your child feels a rule is wrong, discuss his or her reasons and what rule might work better.

■ Join up with other parents, through school and neighborhood associations, religious organizations, civic groups and youth activity groups. Talk with each other about violence problems, concerns about youth in the community, sources of help to strengthen and sharpen parenting skills, and similar issues.

If you have any additional questions on crime prevention or school violence, call Staff Sgt. David Bailey or Staff Sgt. Keith Collins, 437th Security Squadron, at 963-2159.

**(Information submitted by 437 SFS)**



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Keith Bistromowitz today, 3 p.m., in the base education office auditorium. For more information, call 963-5614.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Safety Office is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Anthony Palangi April 27, 2 p.m., at the 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Allison Bethea at 963-5597.

### Around the base

**Trespassing:** The base firing ranges, located adjacent to the Rivers Gate, is a highly dangerous area for trespassers. Trespassing is illegal at all times. Ranges are not authorized for personal use. Individuals having a valid need for entry must contact range personnel for authorization. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Phillip Borneman at 963-5292.

**Door closure:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group's main entrance to Bldg. 364 will be temporarily closed for construction. A new entrance canopy and overhang is being added to allow protection from inclement weather. The construction is expected to last until mid-October.

AAFES: Charleston AFB Army and

**Air Force Exchange Shoppette** customers can now use gas pumps 3 and 4 after business hours. Customers must use the "pay-at-pump" system to purchase fuel. The pumps will be unattended, so customers should follow all posted safety rules.

**Citizenship:** All first-term airmen must become American citizens before they are eligible to reenlist. The process of obtaining citizenship can take 18-24 months. Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Turkessa Hawkins, 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron, is the point of contact for any airman requiring assistance. For more information, call Hawkins at 963-6375. For career questions, contact the Wing Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Matt Harless, at 963-8004.

**Car wash:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Association is holding a car wash Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Shoppette parking lot. The cost is donation only, and all money raised will go toward group functions.

**OSA:** The Officers' Spouses' Association Silver Wings Scholastic Awards Banquet will be Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. The program includes a motivational speaker and a chicken florentine dinner. The cost is \$16.50 for club members and \$19.50 for non-members. RSVP by Sunday at 871-9829 between 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Enlisted dining in:** There will be an Enlisted Combat Dining In April 28, 6 p.m., at Nose Dock 1. The next meeting for the dining in will be Wednesday, 3 p.m., in the wing conference room. The planning committee is still in need of volunteers. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. James Moody at 963-5516 or Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Lautenslager at 963-4559.

**Recycling:** Curbside recycling pickup for military housing will be April 26.

**Commissary:** The Commissary will be closed Sunday in observance of Easter.

**Chiefs' group:** The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will hold a monthly meeting Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Representatives from GEICO will address the group, and lunch will be provided. All chiefs are encouraged to attend.

**Sponsors:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron is looking for people interested in sponsoring U.S. Air Force Academy cadets who will be visiting Charleston AFB from May 3, 5 p.m. until May 6, noon. Activities for the cadets will be provided, but they will need transportation to and from base. If interested, e-mail 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Scott Anderson at scott.anderson@charleston.af.mil, or call 963-5874.

**Officer's dining in:** There will be an Officer's Combat Dining In April 28, 6 p.m., at the washrack. The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. John Vines, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division commander. If interested in volunteering, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles Rock at 963-5520. For tickets, contact your squadron representative or group executive officer.

**AEF scholarship:** The Aerospace Education Foundation is taking applications for the annual Jodi Callahan Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Applications must be postmarked before July 1. Applicants must be enrolled in the current or upcoming semester with a minimum of 3 credit hours, 3.0 GPA and verification of Air Force Association membership. The scholarship is for those working toward a master's degree. For more information, send an e-mail to AEFstaff@aef.org, or visit their Web site at [www.aef.org/scholars/callahan.html](http://www.aef.org/scholars/callahan.html).

**Daedalians scholarships:** The local chapter of the Order of Daedalians is sponsoring a flight scholarship in the amount of \$750 with potential matching funds from their national headquarters for a total of \$1,500. The scholarship is available to high school seniors and college students who demonstrate the desire and potential to become commissioned military pilots. The application deadline is May 15. For more information, call Capt. Brian Newberry at 856-4014.

**Consignment:** The base Consignment Shop is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The shop is located in Bldg. 203 on Graves Avenue. For more information, call 963-3294.

### Family Support Center

**Hearts Apart:** Hearts Apart is an ongoing program for spouses of deployed service members. The program offers such services as e-mail, morale calls, videophone calls and free oil changes. For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ken Gilmore at 963-5630.

**Pre-Deployment Briefings:** Monday and April 23, 8 a.m., and Thursday and April 26, 4 p.m.

**Sponsorship Training:** Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Troops-to-Teachers:** April 23, 10-11 a.m.

**Resume II:** April 24, 9-10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**Families Facing Divorce:** April 25, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**Smooth Move:** April 26, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

**Interview Techniques:** April 26, 1-4 p.m.

All workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call the Family Support Center at 963-4406.

## Charleston Profile

### Staff Sgt. Yon Dugger Det. 3, HQ Security Forces Center

Staff Sgt. Yon Dugger is a Military Training Leader for the Air Force Return to Duty program at the U.S. Naval Consolidated Brig.

The AFRTD program is designed for enlisted members who have been convicted at a court martial. The program takes those airmen with potential for rehabilitation through various phases to return them to active duty. Candidates enrolled in the program receive individual and group counseling twice a week, and participate in remedial military training.

Dugger is in charge of the control and custody of these candidates. He monitors their behavior and progress and is a voting member of the board that determines whether or not a candidate will continue in the program, be released from the program or be returned to duty.

"It's a lot like basic training for these folks," Dugger said. "They have to perform drill and ceremonies, fold their clothes the way they did in basic, and learn the rules and standards. They are tested on their knowledge of the rules, and have to pass to stay in the program."

Dugger joined the Air Force with 48 college credits. Five years later, he has earned an associates degree in security administration from the Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's degree in social science from the University of Southern Colorado. Dugger recently applied for Officer Training School.

In his free time Dugger studies martial arts, serves as the director for his church youth ministry program, and coaches various sports. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Marcus, 5, and Taylor, 2.



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## COMMENTARY

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## CAFB Takes a Time-Out for Safety

By Col. Rusty Findley  
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For the first time in over two years, we cleared Charleston AFB's plate of all but one mission, as we took a day to focus on using Operational Risk Management steps in conjunction with safety. Units and airmen, base-wide, took a look at their ORM processes April 6 for both on- and off-duty activity. A handful of recent off-duty incidents, including DUIs and members operating motorcycles without DOD-required training and protective equipment, remind us that constant vigilance is needed to reduce risks to ourselves and our resources. Thanks go to all the group and squadron commanders, unit ORM representatives, the safety office, 437th Operations Support Squadron Current Operations and the 315th Airlift Wing for working hard to make the ORM day happen. See the story on page 1 for more details.

At the staff meeting Monday, I had the pleasure of mentioning seven winning members of Team Charleston. Maj. John Roscoe, 15th Airlift Squadron, and Master Sgt. James Mueller, 437 OSS, won recognition as the 437th Airlift Wing Outstanding Combat Tacticians for 2000. They will compete at 21st Air Force level next. Capt. Brian Newberry, 15 AS; 1st Lt. Robert Meadows, 437th Maintenance Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Donald Eagle, 17th Airlift Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Michael Hall, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, were our wing nominees for the Airlift/Tanker Association Young

Leadership Award. They'll also compete at the 21 AF level next. Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Dent, 437th Comptroller Squadron, won the Air Mobility Command-level United Services Organization Spirit of Hope Award and will compete at the Air Force level. Congratulations to all for earning such outstanding recognition.

It was good to host Mr. Aleix Jarvis, congressional staffer for Lindsey Graham, 3rd District, S.C., who visited the base for an orientation Tuesday afternoon. He learned about the Team Charleston mission through our mission brief, a flight in a C-17 simulator, and tours of the 437 MXS and 373rd Field Training Detachment 5. Thanks to all the folks who supported his visit, especially Senior Master Sgt. Art Sullivan, 437th Logistics Support Squadron, and Senior Airman Rachel Kosmalski, 437 AW Protocol, for arranging it.

The blood drive Tuesday was a great success, benefiting the Armed Forces Blood Program and the American Red Cross. Thanks to all the donors, to 2nd Lt. Celeste Rodriguez, 437th Communications



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Dybowski, 437th Aerial Port Squadron gives blood during Tuesday's blood drive at the base education center.

Squadron, for coordinating the blood drive, and to the CAFB Spouses Group for providing refreshments and movies.

It was good to see you all at the officer and enlisted commander's calls Wednesday. Commander's calls provide me a good chance to get out and let you know what's on my mind. Plus, I had the chance to present awards to Maj. Rawson Wood, 15 AS, for AMC Flight Surgeon of the Year, and to the 437 CS for AMC Outstanding Communications-Electronics Small Unit Category. Congratulations again to those folks on their hard-earned recognition.

I also had the honor Wednesday of cutting the ribbon at a ceremony recognizing the installation of geothermal heating and air conditioning units in CAFB housing units. Almost 1,000 homes have been updated as part of a win-win partnering agreement between the Air Force and private industry that is expected to reduce base energy consumption by 35 percent. The project was completed on schedule and on budget, and is expected to save the base more than \$800,000 a year in energy costs.

Big thanks to the 14th

Airlift Squadron crew I had an opportunity to fly with April 1-3: Maj. Martin Brunner, Capt. Scott DeThomas, 1st Lt. Greg Beeber and Tech. Sgt. Ray Rose. We had a good trip.

Kudos also to all the folks who responded to the base-wide power outage and subsequent communications outage Saturday, caused by a faulty transformer at the corner of Hill Boulevard and East Jackson Drive. The fire department, civil engineers, security forces and communications squadron personnel were all major players in getting things back to regular operations quickly following the outages. Special thanks to the folks at command post who fielded all the calls and coordinated between the various responding agencies. Particularly, thanks to Technical Sergeants Roy Calvin and Greg Martinez and Airman 1st Class Michelle Halsey. Airman Halsey was a real hero that day, ensuring connectivity by physically going to all the major base agencies that could not be reached via cell phone.

Have a great week, and I'm reminded again what a great honor and privilege it is to be a member of the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet.

## Action Line

The Commander's Action line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

First give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at 963-5581 or send an e-mail to [action@charleston.af.mil](mailto:action@charleston.af.mil)

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.



# Kids and tobacco; how to teach them to say "no!"

**By Tech. Sgt. Janet Clayton**  
*Health and Wellness Center*

As children growing up, we pick up a wide variety of habits along the way. We pick them up from our parents, siblings and friends. When I look at my children I can see some of these habits come shining through; leaving their dirty clothes on the floor, talking with their mouth full, and running through the house are a few that quickly come to mind. Fortunately, I can alter these habits early and help them make changes that will reap benefits for their entire lives. Tobacco use is another problem that is mine to prevent and change.

Every day in the United States, 6,000 young people try smoking. More than 3,000 become regular smokers. That's more than a million new smokers a year, and the average age is 14, but many begin much younger. How would you feel if that was your son or daughter? How would I feel if it were mine? The truth is that once adolescents start using tobacco, it is very difficult for them to quit. The reason is that nicotine, the main ingredient in cigarettes, is addictive just like alcohol, heroin,

or cocaine.

Young people smoke for a variety of reasons. I recently briefed a local elementary school about tobacco use. One little boy, about 6 or 7, still sticks out in my mind. He told me both his mom and dad smoke and when he gets older he is going to smoke, too. Maybe through the years he will change his mind, but this example pointed out what a huge influence we, as parents, have on impressionable minds.

We have a responsibility to set the best example possible for our children to follow. It is true that even strong-willed children can yield under peer pressure to use cigarettes. If their family members smoke, it is even more difficult to make healthy choices. So how do we teach our kids to say "no" before they even start?

The following strategies can help us help our kids. Practice them early and often to keep kids tobacco free.

- Look for an opportunity to talk with your children about the dangers of tobacco and the negative effects it has on their health. Point out that only a small population, "not everyone," is using it

- Teach them healthy values. A

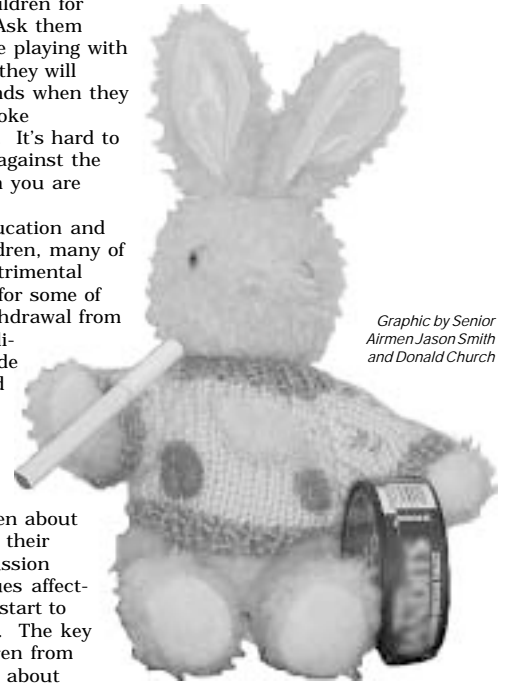
strong value system can give children the foundation to make good decisions, a reason to say no and the courage to stick with it

- Prepare your children for difficult situations. Ask them questions and do role playing with them. Find out how they will respond to their friends when they are pressured to smoke

- Set the example. It's hard to preach convincingly against the evils of tobacco when you are using it yourself

Despite all the education and love we give our children, many of them will pick up detrimental habits. Be watchful for some of the telltale signs: withdrawal from normal interests, radical changes in attitude and appearance, and declining performance in school and sports activities. If these signs are present, it is time to talk with your children about what is happening in their lives. An open discussion about important issues affecting them is a critical start to any positive changes. The key to keeping our children from making poor choices about

tobacco use is parental intervention. The sooner we can catch the problem, the better it will be for our kids.



*Graphic by Senior  
 Airmen Jason Smith  
 and Donald Church*



## FEATURE



Matthew Spindler, son of Master Sgt. George Spindler, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron, tosses a "gutter ball."



William Morgan, son of Senior Airman Anthony Morgan, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, has a decal painted on his face.



Round and round he goes. Christian Alfaro, son of Staff Sgt. Frank Alfaro, 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron, rides the merry-go-round.

## Month of the Military Child Festival offers fun in the sun

Story and Photos by  
Senior Airman Melanie Streeter

437 AW Public Affairs

**T**he sun was hot and the sky clear for this year's Month of the Military Child Festival, held Saturday beside the Youth Services Center.

The Youth Services Center and its sponsors provided entertainment, which included horse rides, a merry-go-round, jumping castle, train rides and dunking booth, as well as various arts and crafts tents.

Denise John, youth activities coordinator, said the event drew at least 700 people. "I know we cooked over 800 hotdogs!"

The Month of the Military Child is celebrated every April in conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Children draw and finger paint in one of the craft tents.



With extreme concentration, Kaylyn Eyer, daughter of Senior Airman Phillip Eyer, 437 APS, works on her craft.

## Users beware; social engineering opens new doors in information warfare

By Senior Airman  
Amanda Babcock  
437 CS

Prior to 2001, the Air Force set aside one month a year to emphasize the importance of Information Assurance. Because of the rapid development of information technology, the Air Force has lengthened the campaign to a whole year.

There are many threats that face computer users. With only a little programming knowledge, just about anyone can write a successful virus. Hackers from unfriendly and friendly countries are continually trying their luck at breaking into U.S. government systems. There is, however, another little known or thought-about threat called social engineering.

Social engineering is basically running a confidence game, hacker style. The object is to gain information or access systems that are normally only used by privileged users. Kevin Mitnick, a professional at social engineering, spent almost five years in jail for hacking and conning companies out of millions of dollars. He built trust with security personnel, administrators and any-

one else who had information he wanted.

"You try to make an emotional connection with the person on the other side to create a sense of trust," Mitnick said. "That is the whole idea; to create a sense of trust and then exploit it."

Last year hackers from the Air Force Information Warfare Center came to Charleston AFB and played the same trick. They successfully got 305 unsuspecting people to give them their user names and passwords with one e-mail asking for it. Now just imagine what havoc that would have caused if it were an enemy on the other end, especially now as Air Mobility Command begins linking e-mail into one, command-wide system. Don't fall into a trap like this. No one should ever ask for a user name or password. System Administrators have complete access to the system already. They do not need an individual's password.

If you notice something suspicious—report it. Call the NCC Help Desk at 963-3511 option 1, or the Wing Information Assurance Office at 963-2903.



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streever

### Goin' south

Members of the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron load a FedEx Airbus A300. Air Mobility Command contracted the A300 to transport rations between Charleston AFB and Soto Cano, Honduras. This is the first time the A300 has been used to support Air Force "channel" missions. In order to accommodate Air Force pallets, FedEx fabricated a unique rail locking system, which gives the company rapid turnaround between Air Force cargo and commercial transport.



## Chapel schedule



**107 Arthur Drive**

**Office hours:** 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**Phone:** 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

### **Catholic Services**

**Saturday** -- 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass.

**Sunday** -- 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

**Weekdays** -- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Sacrament of Marriage, call the Catholic chaplain six months prior to the wedding.

### **Protestant Services**

**Sunday** -- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Children's Church.

**Thursday** -- 7 p.m. Praise and Worship contemporary service.

**Buddhist:** Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405.

**Orthodox:** Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

**Jewish:** Call Jewish Lay Leader: Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class David Winner at 963-2102.

**Islamic:** Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

## Movie schedule

### **Admission prices:**

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

Any child under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (21 years old) to purchase admission ticket for the minor child to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.

**Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.**

**Today, 7:30 p.m.**

***"Get Over It" – Ben Foster***

Berke thought his senior year was shaping up to perfection. He was dating the perfect girl, and they seemed to be the perfect couple. For the first time in Berke's life, everything seemed to be a perfect fit. Berke's happiness is shattered when Allison dumps him, and his friends try to find him a new girlfriend. **(PG-13) 90 minutes**

**Saturday, 2 p.m.**

***"Recess: School's Out" – Animated***

There's only one thing better than recess; summer vacation. T.J.'s plans get changed, however, when he finds out all his pals are going away to summer camp without him. It doesn't take long for boredom to set in. **(G) 83 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

***"Down to Earth" – Chris Rock***

When Lance finds himself at Heaven's door, he is convinced there has been a mistake. Miraculously he is right, so a heavenly agent places him into the corpse of a rich Manhattan mogul who has just been bumped off by his wife. Ironically, Lance ultimately discovers his true self, falls in love and improves his comedy act in the process. **(PG-13) 88 minutes**

## Fitness & Sports

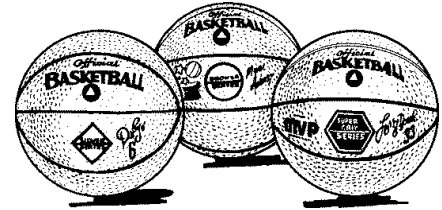
### Sports line

Golf tournament: The Officers' Spouses' Association is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament April 27 at Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament will be a four-person captain's choice format and will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost, \$16 per player, includes range balls, lunch and beverages. Cart and green fees also apply as follows:

E-4 and below—\$9  
E-5 through 0-3—\$12  
0-4 and above—\$13  
Cart rental—\$8

The proceeds from the tournament will be used to fund scholarships and local charities. Prizes for the tournament were donated by Lexus of Charleston, Heritage Trust Credit Federal Union, USPA and IRA, Gerald's Tires and Brakes, Bank of America, and many others. For more information, call Cindy Mackey at 767-4329 or the golf course at 963-4177.

## Charleston AFB 2001 intramural basketball season draws near end



Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	PF	Avg.	PA	Avg.
<b>SUP1</b>	13	0	0	833	64.08	468	36
<b>AGS1</b>	11	1	0	658	54.83	513	42.75
<b>CES</b>	11	3	0	678	48.43	591	42.21
<b>MXS</b>	10	3	0	647	49.77	519	39.92
<b>MED GP/SVS</b>	8	3	0	564	51.27	537	48.82
<b>SFS</b>	9	4	0	548	42.15	480	36.92
<b>FLYERS</b>	7	5	0	393	32.75	483	40.25
<b>OSS</b>	6	6	0	591	49.25	588	49
<b>CS</b>	5	9	0	547	39.07	620	44.29
<b>SUP2</b>	4	8	0	303	25.25	431	35.92
<b>X-1 CTCS</b>	4	10	0	469	33.5	498	35.57
<b>APS2</b>	3	9	0	331	27.58	451	37.58
<b>X-LGT</b>	2	12	0	374	26.71	485	34.64
<b>X-AGS2</b>	1	13	0	249	17.79	360	25.71
<b>X-APS1</b>	1	13	0	244	17.43	405	28.93

*X= team that has withdrawn from competition*

Playoffs for the 2001 season will end tonight, 5:30 p.m., at the Starlifter Court as the top two teams will battle in the championship game.